



Cowessess First Nation

COVID 19 On-Reserve Wake/Funeral Services Agreement

This Agreement is made on _____ day of the _____, 2020.

This Agreement is made between:

(name)

- AND -

Cowessess First Nation
c/o Community Buildings Supervisor

Name of the Deceased: _____

Dates of the Wake/Funeral Services: _____

I, _____, have read and agree to abide by the terms and conditions listed in the COVID 19 On-Reserve Wake/Funeral Services Guidelines as attached.

Signature

Date



Cowessess First Nation COVID 19 On-Reserve Wake/Funeral Services Guidelines

The current law under COVID 19 is that it is illegal to gather in a group of 10 or more people. This law is enforceable by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and all gatherings are monitored by the RCMP as required.

Booking the Use of the Community Hall for a Wake/Funeral Services

1. All bookings must be made through the Community Buildings Supervisor and such request must be reported to the Executive Director who will inform the Chief & Council and Executive Office.
2. Prior to the approval of the Hall Booking, the applicant must:
 - a. read and agree to the following guidelines;
 - b. must sign and date the COVID On-Reserve Wake/Funeral Services Agreement; and
 - c. initial each page of the COVID On-Reserve Wake/Funeral Service Guidelines.

Wake/Funeral Service Guidelines

1. Must be no more than 10 people in the Community Hall at all times.
2. Must be no more than 10 people in a group gathering in the Community Hall parking lot.
3. Must be no food provided during the Wake/Funeral Services.
4. The family agrees to provide the following:
 - a. Toilet Paper/Paper Towels for the washrooms;
 - b. Hand Sanitizer to be made available at the door and within the Community Hall during the Wake/Funeral;
 - c. Provide garbage bags for the disposal of all garbage;
5. A fire pit is permitted but must provide own wood and ensure that the fire is completely out after the completion of the Wake/Funeral Services.
6. A list or visitor book must be maintained to ensure that all those who attend service are recorded for potential follow-up purposes.
7. Upon the arrival of the loved one to the Community Hall, only 10 people are allowed to bring the loved one into the Community Hall. This includes the Elders/Officiant, pallbearers, family, singers.
8. It is highly recommended that there be no physical touching such as shaking hands, hugging or kissing.
9. During the Wake Service, no more than 10 people in the Community Hall at all times. This includes Elders/Officiant, family and visitors.
10. During the Funeral Service, no more than 10 people in the Community Hall at all times.

11. During the Burial Service at the graveyard, no more than 10 people at the gravesite and individuals must respect the social distancing recommendation of remaining 6' apart. If other families wish to attend, it is recommended that you observe the burial service by remaining in your vehicle at the graveyard.
12. All personal items must be removed from the Community Hall upon completion of the Wake/Funeral Service.
13. All garbage from the Community Hall or from the Community Hall parking lot must be placed in garbage bags and placed in the garbage bin located outside the building.
14. Should there be any maintenance requirements prior, during or after the Wake/Funeral Services, the Community Buildings Supervisor must be contacted immediately at 306-696-6595.
15. Any damage to the building during the Wake/Funeral Services will be repaired at the family's expense.
16. The Community Hall will be cleaned and sanitized by the Community Building staff after the Wake/Funeral Services are completed.

This Agreement and Guidelines have been developed to ensure the safety of not only the immediate family members, family members and visitors attending the Wake/Funeral Service of the deceased loved one, but for the safety and protection of all citizens of Cowessess First Nation community during this unprecedented COVID 19 Pandemic Period.

These guidelines are in accordance with the Mandatory Precautions to be taken and that must be followed in accordance Dr. Ibrahim Khan, Medical Health Officer, Indigenous Services Canada First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Saskatchewan Region, to prevent the spread of COVID 19.